

## To the ancient roots of Shibukawa ichi ryū

Grandmaster Osano invited Carsten Schroeder to join him on a journey to Saka (Hiroshima prefecture), which is the birthplace of Shibukawa ichi ryū jūjutsu.



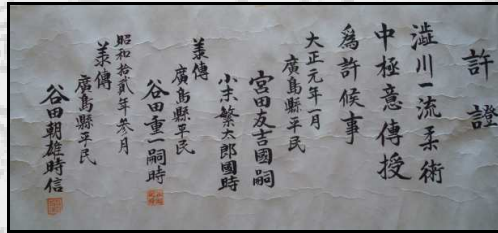
Saka is placed on the slope of the range of mountains near the sea. Shihan Osano and Carsten Schroeder went from Fujiyoshida City to Mishima via Gotenba by bus and from Mishima to Hiroshima via Nagoya using the famous Shinkansen. This journey was a nine hours trip with a final trip on a local train from Hiroshima to Kure, where they had a nice overnight stay at a nice business hotel.



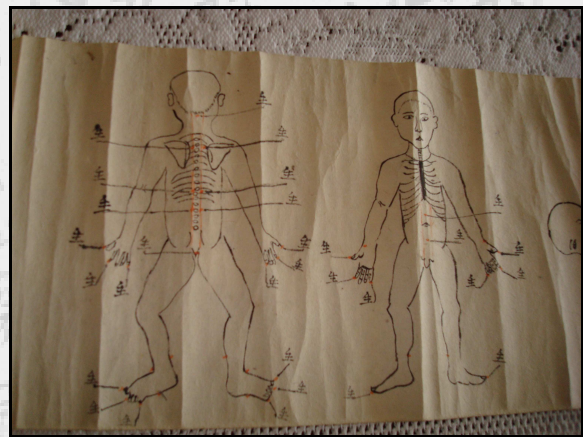
The typical food for a journey like this is called bento, here you can take a look at the one of Carsten Schroeder. Delicious!



Next day they first visited the house of sensei Tanita Asao Tokinobu, who was the teacher of Shihan Osano. Here they looked at his old weapons like bokken (wooden sword) or bo (long stick).



They also had the great opportunity to take a look at the old makimono of the late Tanita sensei.



Also, Carsten Schroeder was able to try the nice feeling of holding one of those old weapons in his own hands.



Here he is holding the wooden sword (bokken) of Tanita sensei, which was stunning. It feels very light in the hand but on the other side it seems also as hard as iron.

After this, they visited some important monuments of Shibukawa ichi ryû. Here you can see a brief history of this ryû made in stone:



This jûjutsu school is one of the last traditional (koryû) styles.

There are many kinds of defensive techniques in orthodox form and versatility.

Also in this ryû there are many weapons, for example, bo, hanbo, tanbo, jitte and kusarigama.



Gravestone of Tomokichi Miyata

(1855 – 1922)



Gravestone of Shudô Kuranoshin Mitsutoki, founder of Shibukawa ichi ryû

(1814 -1898)



Shihan Osano and Shihan Carsten Schroeder at the memorial of Tamakichi Miyata, brother of Tomokichi Miyata and also shihan of Shibukawa ichi ryū jūjutsu.





Another highlight was taken place in the Jinja (shrine) of Saka. After a shinto-ceremony for cleaning the heart both met Shihan Kubo Toshiyuki, the last student alive of Tanita sensei. This was a great training experience for Carsten Schroeder.



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From left to right: Yamane Akira (Osaka), Shihan Jun Osano, Shihan Kubo Toshiyuki (87 years old) and Carsten Schroeder (Berlin, Germany)



A votive tablet at the shrine of Saka with names of different students of Shibukawa ichi ryū jūjutsu of Saka

After this great training lesson Shihan Osano was invited to the house of Mr. Noboru Miyata. We were able to see their very nice family Buddhist altar with documentaries of the Shibukawa ichi ryû.



Also, they have a very old wooden staff (bo) which was used for the next photo:

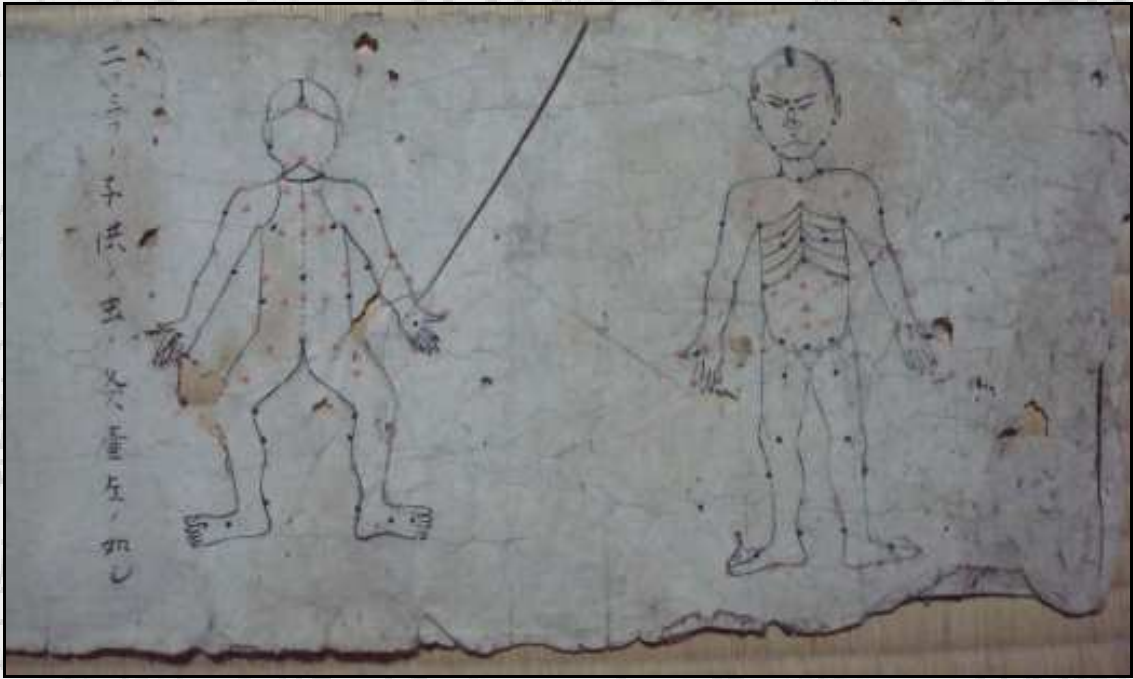


Mr. Noboru Miyata showed Sensei Osano old documents about the Shibukawa ichi ryû, which were unknown before this visit to Saka.

Also, they have some very old makimono, written in old Japanese style, which Osano-sensei was able to translate for Mr. Miyata. So, this was great luck for both sides.



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Wonderful old makimono of Shibukawa ichi ryû



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Shihan Osano & C. Schroeder and Family Miyata



Mr. Yamane from Osaka

Finally on this trip, we had an evening training session with Kubo-sensei!





This was a fantastic opportunity to study under a great master, Shihan Kubo, who was so powerful and doing fine techniques at the age of 87 years. It is unbelievable how he was still able to control his opponent. Also, for Carsten Schroeder, being Uke for his teacher Shihan Osano, was a great pleasure and honour.

To see and feel the impressions of the residents, to feel their roots and relations to Shibukawa ichi ryû (though Mr. Carsten Schroeder does not speak Japanese) was an unforgettable moment in his martial arts career.

So he would like to say thank you to Kubo-sensei and, of course, his teacher, Shihan Osano, who gave him this chance to study at this special place.

And as a surprise, a newspaper article about this happening was released the next day in a big newspaper in Hiroshima prefecture. You can read a translation on our homepage.

<p>久保さんから基本技を教わるシュレーダーさん</p>	<p>坂町に江戸時代から伝わる柔術「渋川一流」を習うため、ドイツ人のカルステン・シュレーダーさん(42)が27日、同町を訪れた。町民体育館道場の師範、久保歳之さん(87)から指導を受けた。シュレーダーさんはベルリンに道場を構える柔術の指導者。年1回、柔術の師匠で高校教諭の小佐野淳さん(50)＝山梨県富士吉田市＝を訪ね、手ほどきを受けている。</p> <p><b>江戸期の柔術</b> 独のシュレーダーさん 坂町</p> <p>小佐野さんが1986年に渋川一流を習った縁でこの日、一緒に訪れた。八幡山八幡神社の拜殿で、相手の突きをかわして反撃する27種類の基本技を教わり「技を習うことができて光栄。弟子に伝えたい」と意気込んでいた。渋川一流は坂町が発祥地とされ、攻撃を受け流して技をかける護身術が中心。久保さんは毎週土曜日の夜、町民体育館で指導している。(小山顕)</p>
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Are you interested in Shibukawa ichi ryû or other ancient styles of traditional jûjutsu or kobûdo?

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